

boys of the college. and the entire occasion was a delightful success.

Aside from the social enjoyment a Presbyterian Brotherhood was organized with twenty-one members. The officers elected to serve until May 15, 1910, are: F. H. Bear, president; R. B. Watkins, vice-president; C. Eric Bishop, secretary; M. D. Clay, treasurer.

Three committees were appointed to report next Friday evening: Constitution and By-Laws—Rev. R. L. Walton, chairman; Dr. D. J. King, Laurence Pitman, R. S. Skinner and E. R. Stump. Social—H. E. Trimble, chairman; J. D. Clements and E. R. Stump. Program—R. B. Watkins, chairman; M. D. Clay and R. S. Skinner.

Dr. King assisted the pastor in presenting the Brotherhood cause. This is a move in the right direction, and we are hoping great things from this Brotherhood, both for our church and for the college men.

Our local church is starting on its winter's work most encouragingly.

The Sunday school, which is larger than ever before is now being graded. Prof. H. E. Bennett is the efficient superintendent. Prof. John W. Ritchie is in charge of the Brotherhood class; Prof. Wm. Hodges Mann, Jr., has the Institute Bible class, and Prof. Ashby Bloxton the Covenanter class.

Now for special notices to readers of this:

1. We need a larger and better church and Sunday school building and the people of Synod should help us to get it.

2. Though we have such a large number of Presbyterian boys and girls here at school, only two letters have been received by the pastor from parents and guardians concerning them. Parents and pastors often neglect their duty in this matter.

R. L. Walton.

THE PATRIARCH, DR. L. A. HILL.

A remarkable family reunion took place at the home of Dr. and Mrs. L. A. Hill, in Alcorn county, near Rienzi, Miss., August 5-6, 1909.

Dr. Hill is 80 years old and Mrs. Hill is 73. They have had twelve children, six boys and six girls. All the 12 are living and are active Christian workers. Two of the sons are ministers; one a ruling elder and a teacher, one is a physician, one is a dentist and one is a traveling salesman. Of the daughters, one is a teacher and the others are devoted wives and mothers. There are seven sons and daughters-in-law, twenty-six grandchildren, two grandsons-in-law, one granddaughter-in-law, two great grandchildren, a boy and a girl, making in all 52. There was not one missing and all gathered at the old home and worshipped two days at this old family altar.

Dr. Hill has been a ruling elder since his early manhood. During this reunion he went every day, six miles, to attend the services of the house of God where he is accustomed to worship and where he is always present at every service unless providentially hindered.

Dr. and Mrs. Hill have lived so long in

this community where he has healed the sick and she has gone after him to comfort and cheer them that they are a living benediction to the people.

Their children are rising up and calling them blessed and following in their footsteps, scattering cheer and sunshine and comfort. Let us hope that the generations to come may have as valid a claim to the promise found in Exodus 20:6 as those represented in the reunion.

Dr. and Mrs. Hill are a prince and a princess in their family. What a crown of glory!

J. R. Dobyns.

Jackson, Miss.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE NORTH KIANGSU MISSION.

By Rev. Wm. F. Junkin.

The North Kiangsu Mission have just concluded their annual meeting at Kuling, an unusually busy session. This was much the largest meeting the Mission has had since the division from the Mid China Mission some ten years ago. There were present, including the ladies thirty-five members and associate members. The Mission now numbers, including two associate members, an even fifty. This is nine more than a year ago.

The reports from the different stations were very encouraging. One hundred and fifty-three have been received into full communion since last Mission meeting. The total church membership now, not including baptized non-communicants, is six hundred and eighty-four. There are three organized churches with a prospect of several other organizations during the coming year. Plans were set on foot for the organization of a Presbytery within the bounds of the Mission, a meeting for consultation and, it is hoped, the consummation of which is called for next March. These facts are all very cheering when it is considered how new the work is in this North Kiangsu field.

When the above mentioned Presbytery is formed, there will be two Presbyteries in connection with the work of the Southern Presbyterian Church in China.

Large plans, calling on the home church for a big sum of money, to properly equip the work at the different stations were approved. There are now seven central stations either opened or in process of being opened.

The Mission feels very keenly the responsibility resting upon the Southern Presbyterian Church to evangelize this field, two-thirds of Kiangsu province, with its twelve, and doubtless more, millions of people, and, through its Extension Committee, is making another appeal to the Church for largely increased reinforcements.

Rev. and Mrs. Rice were transferred for one year from Haichow to Hsu Chow Fu. Dr. and Mrs. Morgan and Rev. and Mrs. Vinson go to Haichow.

Some difficult and perplexing questions had to be settled, but the sessions were marked by great harmony and unanimity of conclusion, and the Christian fellowship of this week together was

most delightful.

There is great rejoicing at the exceedingly fine lot of new missionaries who have come to us during the year. We feel the force of new, rich blood infused. We hope and pray for more.

PALMER ORPHANAGE.

An old preacher, much burdened with the condition of his church, is said to have dreamed that a voice, clear and distinct, said to him that he must draw through the streets of the city a large and roomy chariot which stood before him. Obedient to the call, he took hold of the tongue and began to pull with all his might, but in vain; it was too much for him. Again the voice said: "Call on your church for help." So he called: "Church, help me." The church responded readily and seemed eager for the pastime, seizing the tongue again, he ordered his members to push while he pulled. Under this order the chariot moved off readily and all went well for a time. By and by the wheels began to drag heavily. He, putting forth his full strength, and finally exhausted, gave it up. Looking round, to take in the situation, he missed his helpers—the church—not one in sight. He cried aloud: "Church, where are you?" One fellow, looking out of a window, made answer for all: "We're a-ridin'."

Now, friends and helpers in this work of caring for the fatherless, our orphanage chariot has been moving slowly and the wheels have dragged heavily for some months. The workers here have put forth their full strength to keep it going. Despite our efforts we are stuck fast in the mud; we are in debt. How long will you let us remain there?

Many of our true and tried friends have stuck to us through all these dry and disastrous months. They have not forgotten us a single time. Like the gentle showers upon the parched fields they have kept the life in us. To all such we say: "God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labor of love, which you have shewed toward his name in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister."

"And we desire that every one of you do shew the same diligence to the full assurance of hope unto the end."

We fear too many of our friends have been "ridin'." We closed September with a balance of \$300 or more against us. This will be greater by the first of November, when we make our report to the Synods, unless our friends come up speedily to our help. Remember we have sixty-four children to care for; more than we have ever had before; that our garden and crops have failed as those of others and for the same causes; that the price of living has increased, and that we are struggling to make some improvements imperatively demanded.

If all our friends in the Synods of Louisiana and Mississippi will only lend us a helping hand, we will come up all right before the close of the month.

Yours in the work,

W. V. Frierson.